

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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Claim 1 (Currently Amended). A control apparatus having a first command means to control at an initial speed a first parameter and a second command means to control at an initial speed a second parameter, said control apparatus comprising:

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means for increasing at a predetermined speed one of said first and second parameters when one of said first and second command means is activated continuously;

means for storing a table listing combinations of similarities;

means for judging similarity of alternate actions made by said first and second command means based on said table listing combinations of similarities; and

means for continuing said predetermined speed of increase when one of said first and second command means is deactivated while one of said first and second command means is activated and said similarity is found by said means for judging similarity and for returning to said initial speed when said similarity is not found.

Claims 2-8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Currently Amended). A control method using a first command means to control at an initial speed a first parameter and a second command means to control at an initial speed a second parameter, said control method comprising the steps of:

increasing at a predetermined speed one of said first and second parameters when one of said first and second command means is activated continuously;

storing a table listing combinations of similarities;

judging similarity of alternate actions made by said first and second command means based on said table listing combinations of similarities; and

continuing said predetermined speed of increase when one of said first and second command means is deactivated while one of said first and second command means is activated and said similarity is found by said step of judging similarity and for returning to said initial speed when said similarity is not found.

Claims 10-16 (Canceled).